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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6601

BILL NUMBER: SB 372

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Registration of composting facilities.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Mrvan

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a composting facility, upon application to register with the Department of Environmental Management, to give notices to interested persons and to have a financial assurance plan to cover site restoration if the facility discontinues operation. The bill changes the period of registration from five to two years. It requires a facility to have controls for the protection of wetlands.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: IC 13-20-9 provides that vegetative material (leaves, brush, and woody vegetative matter more than 3 feet in length) from landscaping and land clearing projects may not be taken to a solid waste landfill. Persons wishing to dispose of such banned vegetative material can dispose of the waste at a registered yard waste composting facility. According to IC 13-20-10, all owners or operators of a composting facility for vegetative matter must register with the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and submit an annual report that indicates the volume of material processed by the composting facility during the previous year and the final disposition of the composted materials. There is no charge for registration and no time limit within which IDEM must process registration applications. However, applications are usually processed in less than one week and registrations under existing law must be renewed every 5 years. The proposal requires registration every two years. Currently, 106 facilities are registered. Facilities receive a letter of registration when they meet the guidelines of the program. The proposal will increase processing costs to IDEM because IDEM would need to process registration every two years as opposed to five. The specific impact is indeterminable at this time.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Environmental Management

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: IDEM website.

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